



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

Robert Taylor, 25, was sentenced as a felon in possession of a firearm. The Honorable Lyle E. Strom, Senior Judge for the United States District Court, sentenced Taylor to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons for 70 months. After his release from prison, Taylor will begin a three-year-term of supervised release.

Officers of the Omaha Police Department responded to an armed robbery/home invasion on March 26, 2009. During the course of the investigation, officers learned that the shotgun used during the robbery was provided by Taylor. Officers set up surveillance on Taylor's residence as they applied for a search warrant. During surveillance, officers observed Lester Ferris pull up to Taylor's apartment. Taylor was observed making two trips from the residence to Ferris's van. On each trip, he appeared to be carrying multiple long arms. Ferris and Taylor were stopped by police as they began to drive away. Officers recovered a total of eight shotguns and rifles. Taylor had a prior felony conviction for theft by unlawful taking.

**Name of Defendant:** Robert Taylor

**AKA:**

**Age:** 25

**City of residence:** Bellevue

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Felon in possession of a firearm. Maximum penalty 0-10 years imprisonment; \$250,000.00 fine, both such imprisonment and fine; three years supervised release; \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Omaha

**Location of Arrest:** Omaha

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:**

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** On or about March 26, 2009.

**Federal Arrest Date:** June 12, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** May 21, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** June 12, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Pled on October 21, 2009

**Sentencing Date:** January 8, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Held

**In Continuous Custody Since:** March 27, 2009 on state related charges; in federal custody since June 12, 2009

**Assigned District Court Judge:** The Honorable Lyle E. Strom

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